

## I-5 – South King County Projects Update

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## Federal Way Traffic Closures This Week

### Interstate 5

**Two lanes of southbound I-5** will close Monday through Thursday nights (July 18-21) from S. 336<sup>th</sup> to the Pierce County line. The first lane will close at 8 p.m., the second at 11 p.m. Both lanes will reopen by 6 a.m. each morning. Crews are preparing this section of I-5 for HOV lane construction.

The **southbound I-5 HOV lane** will close Monday through Friday (July 18-22) between Military Road and S. 320<sup>th</sup> from 7 p.m. each night to 1 p.m. each following afternoon. The lane will be open between 1 p.m. and 7 p.m. each day. Crews are excavating the median for ramp construction.

**Three lanes of northbound I-5** will close Monday through Thursday nights (July 18-21) from S. 320<sup>th</sup> to Military Road. The first lane will close at 6 p.m., the second at 7 p.m., and the third at 11 p.m. All northbound lanes will reopen by 5 a.m. each morning. Crews are removing the temporary roadway and building ramp walls in the median.

Drivers should expect daytime **shoulder closures** on I-5 from S. 320<sup>th</sup> to the Pierce County line and on Highway 18 in the I-5 vicinity. Crews are performing electrical work.

### Highway 18

Drivers should expect nighttime closures of **one lane in each direction of Highway 18** between West Valley Highway and I-5 from 8 p.m. to 5 a.m. Monday through Thursday nights (July 18-21). The **Highway 18 off-ramp to West Valley Highway** will close Tuesday night (July 19) from 8 p.m. to 5 a.m. Crews are paving this section of Highway 18.

## Highway 161 Closure This Weekend

As we announced in last week's e-mail update, WSDOT will completely close Highway 161 in both directions from Milton Road South to 28<sup>th</sup> Avenue South from 10 p.m. Friday, July 22 to 5 a.m. Monday, July 25. To learn more about this closure and the associated construction, please visit our [culvert replacement facts page](#).

## Construction Updates

### **I-5 - S. 317<sup>th</sup> HOV Direct Access Military Road South to South 320<sup>th</sup> Street**

Crews continue removing the temporary roadway in the I-5 median and building HOV ramp walls. We plan to do the final concrete pours for the decks on the Military Road and S. 317<sup>th</sup> bridges this week.

Crews postponed construction of a traffic circle at the intersection of South 317<sup>th</sup> Street and 28<sup>th</sup> Avenue South. In last week's update, we announced that this work would begin on Monday, July 18, with a 20-day closure of the intersection. Stay tuned for new dates for this closure.

Please view our [new I-5 - S. 317<sup>th</sup> construction photos](#).

### **I-5 HOV Widening South 320<sup>th</sup> Street to the King/Pierce County Line**

Work continues on various activities throughout the project: realigning the southbound I-5 lanes, clearing the median, excavating for new detention ponds, and installing electrical and drainage systems.

Check out our [new I-5 HOV widening summer construction photos](#).

### **Highway 18 Truck Climbing Lane Weyerhaeuser Way to Highway 167**

Crews are paving this week on Highway 18 from I-5 to Weyerhaeuser Way (see nighttime lane and ramp closures above). This work is part of the project to reduce congestion on Highway 18 by adding a truck climbing lane and modifying and adding signals to the Weyerhaeuser Way ramps.

The [Highway 18 Truck Climbing Lane Project](#) is scheduled for completion next month.

## Highway Advisory Radio Updates

Tune your radio to **AM 1520** to hear a new project update each week on I-5 in Federal Way. Questions or comments? E-mail Laura Johnson at [JohnsoL@wsdot.wa.gov](mailto:JohnsoL@wsdot.wa.gov).

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